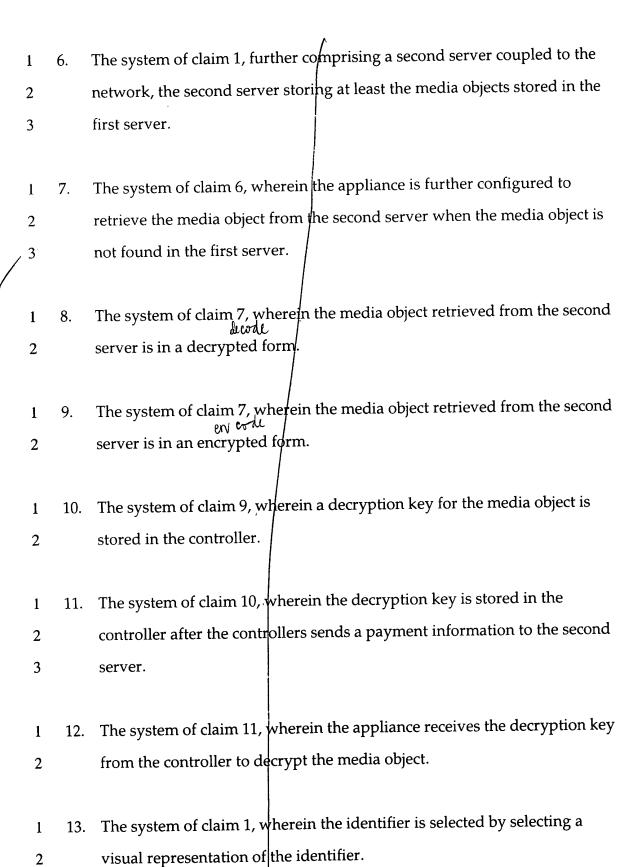
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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	<u>2</u>		a controller configured to select an identifier associated with a media object
	3		to send a request to play the media object, wherein the controller
	4		sends the request by transmitting the identifier stored in the
	5		controller; and
	6		an appliance configured to receive the request from the controller, to
	7		retrieve the media object from a first server via a network connection
	8		when the media object is not stored in the appliance, and to play the
	9		media object.
	1	2.	The system of claim 1 wherein the identifier is transmitted using a wireless
	2		connection.
	1	3.	The system of claim 1, wherein the controller and the first server are
	2		synchronized on a predetermined time period.
AV	1	4.	The system of claim 3, wherein the first server stores the media objects
	2		corresponding to the identifiers stored in the controller.
	1	5.	The system of claim 1, wherein the media object is retrieved from the first
	2		corver using the identifier received from the controller.



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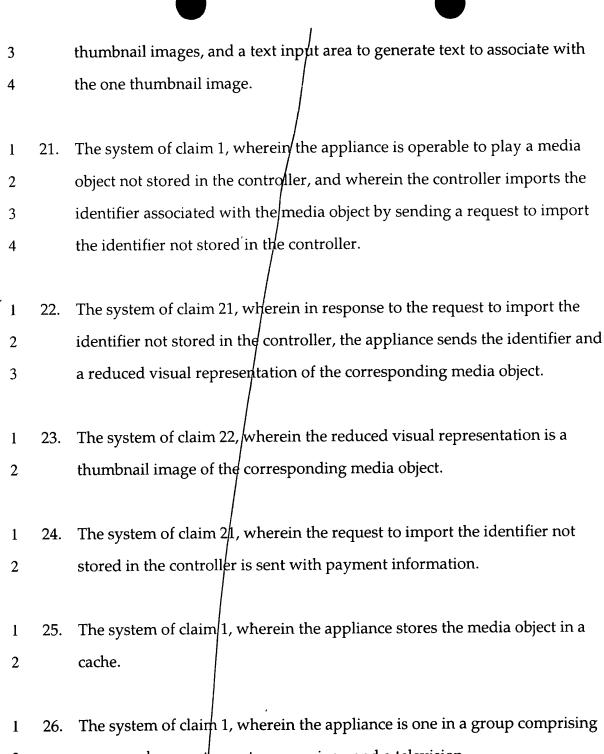
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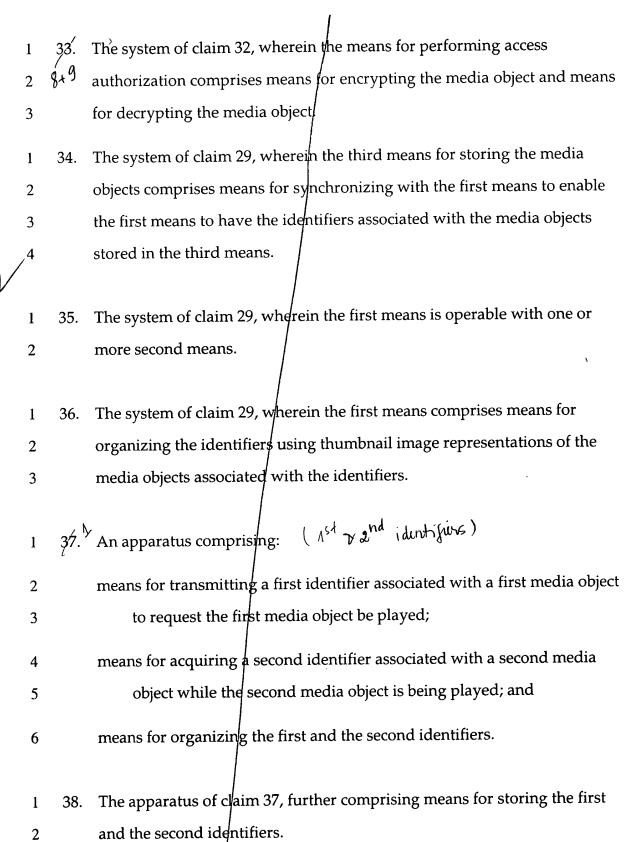
The system of claim 13, wherein the visual representation comprises a 1 2 thumbnail image representing the media object. The system of claim 14, wherein the controller organizes thumbnail images 1 2 in groups. 16. The system of claim 15, wherein/the groups comprise: a first group including all thumbnail images stored in the controller, and 2 a second group including selected thumbnail images from the first group. 3 The system of claim 16, wherein the second group comprises: 1 a first subgroup including one or more playlists, each of the playlists 2 comprising one or more thumbnail images; and 3 a second subgroup including one or more thumbnail images in a playlist 4 being created. 5 The system of claim 17, wherein the controller sends one play list to the 1 18. appliance to request the one play list be played by the appliance. 2 The system of claim 17, wherein the controller comprises a display screen 1 19. to display thumbnail images in the first group and in the second group. 2

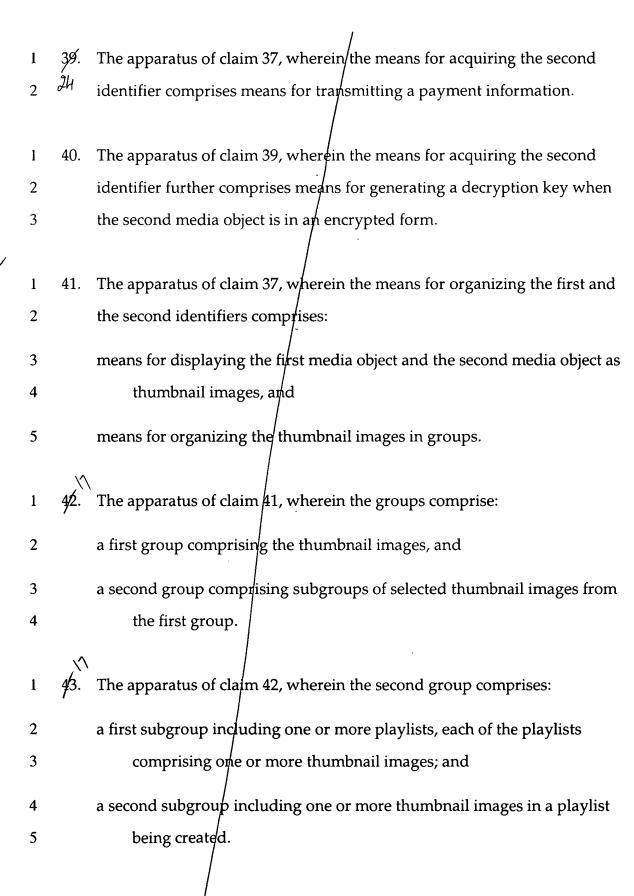
microphone to record an audio annotation associated with one of the

The system of claim 19, wherein the controller further comprises a



- a personal computer, a stereo receiver, and a television. 2
- The system of claim 26, wherein the controller operates with multiple 27. 1 appliances. 2





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